

[Mr. A. Hoogewerf.]

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Mr. Pitt, the Commissioner of Police, reported to the Government that he did not want a Motor Bus Inspector and that the control of motor traffic would be attended to tentatively by the officers of his department in accordance with a scheme of instructions drawn up by him for their guidance. The examination of buses is being done by competent officers of the P. W. D. and also by competent non-official agencies. This is why the Motor Inspector's place is kept vacant.

(b) When the occasion for the entertainment of a Motor Bus Inspector arises, Government hope to appoint the man whom they consider the best fitted. They expect all their officers to be honest.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*):
കാർ ഓവർലോഡിങ്ങിനെ ആരാൺ മുൻപു പരിശോധന നടത്ത യതു ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):
Police officers.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*):
അതു ശരിയായി നടത്തിവരുന്നതായി ഗവർൺമെൻറിനറിയാമോ ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):
അതു ശരിയായി നടന്നുവരുന്നില്ലെന്നു ഗവർൺമെൻറിനറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*):
ശ്രീമൂലംതിരുനാൾ മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു നാടുന്നീങ്ങിയ പിറേദിവസം മോട്ടോർബസ്സുകൾ ഓടിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള വിവരം ഗവർൺമെൻറിനറിയാമോ ?

According to the Government notification the three days after His Highness' death were declared to be holidays. I want to know whether the Government are aware that buses were running on those days.

PRESIDENT: Public conveyances cannot be stopped. Railways are not stopped.

MR. M. K. KHADIR PILLAI (*Nominated*): I rise to a point of order. Mr. Kumara Pillai used both English and Malayalam. (*Laughter.*)

Departmental Control over Promotions of Pupils in Private Schools.

27. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (1) What control does the Education Department exercise over the promotions of pupils in private schools?

(2) Whom do the Government hold responsible for promotions in private schools—the Manager or the Headmaster?

(3) Is it a fact that promotion lists in boys' schools can be published by the Headmaster without waiting for departmental sanction while those in girls' schools cannot be published before such sanction?

(4) If so, what is the reason for such a difference of procedure in the same department?

(5) Are recommendations for promotions received from private schools?

(6) Does the Manager ever recommend pupils for promotion over and above those included in the promotion list sent by the Headmaster?

(7) In such cases, does the inspecting officer sanction the recommendations without ascertaining the opinion of the Headmaster?

(8) Is it a fact that, from an English school for girls in Central Travancore, recommendations for promotions were made by the Manager over and above those included in the list by the Headmaster and that those recommendations were sanctioned by the Inspectress of Girls' Schools?

(9) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of the schools from which the Inspectress of Girls' Schools has received promotion lists with recommendations from the respective Managers, showing also the number so recommended from each school and the number promoted?

MR. S. BARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(1) The member is referred to Rule 87 of the Education Code.

(2) The Headmaster.

(3) The promotion lists in both boys' and girls' schools can be published by Headmasters in accordance with Rule 87 of the Education Code without previous departmental sanction. But promotions from class IV of Vernacular schools (both boys' and girls') can be published only after the approval of the inspecting officers has been obtained, as the question papers and the answer papers have to be checked by them. There is no difference of procedure with regard to boys' and girls' schools.

(4) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (3).

(5) Recommendations are sometimes received by the inspecting officers from private schools as well as from departmental schools for the promotion of pupils in cases which require special consideration on account of shortage of attendance or absence from school examinations.

(6) Yes.

(7) and (8) The answer is in the negative.

(9) The Government are unable to answer the question as the year has not been specified.

Auction of Liquor Shops.

28. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (a) Are the Government aware, that, in the recent abkari auction, the Excise Commissioner has confirmed many shops in the names of lower bidders, when there were higher bidders for such shops?

(b) Are the Government in receipt of petitions from such bidders praying that confirmation of such shops be not sanctioned, and, if so, what action has been taken by them on such petitions?